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CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-90

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 12, 2019

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2021 through 2022 calendar years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified most recently by Chapter 410, Laws of 2019 (66th Legislature, 2019 Regular Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon

all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$2,375,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021;
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$2,575,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022; and

WHEREAS, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations/enrichment tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required under RCW 84.52.053(4); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$2,375,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- B. \$2,575,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Cowlitz County and Lewis County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$1.98 per thousand

dollars of assessed valuation and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2020.

The Cowlitz County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2019-90 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational program and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$1.98	\$2,375,000
2022	\$1.98	\$2,575,000

all as provided in the Resolution subject to legal limits at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Cowlitz County Auditor with a courtesy copy to the Lewis County Auditor.

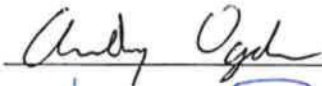
Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) Director of Fiscal Services (Jodi Spahn), telephone: 360.501.2940; fax: 360.501.3140; email: jspahn@crschools.org, and (b) bond counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; fax: 206.623.7022; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Cowlitz County Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Fiscal Services is authorized to approve changes to the


ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Cowlitz County Auditor or the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney.

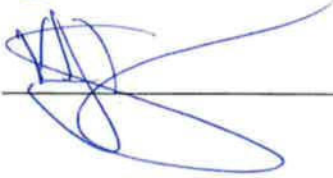
Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 11, 2020 election and requests that the Cowlitz County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of November, 2019.

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES,
WASHINGTON







Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-90 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of November, 2019.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of November, 2019.



Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES

NO

NOTICE
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2020, a special election will be held in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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